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MEMORANDUM FOR DNSC DEPOT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: DNSC Asbestos Management Plan

Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) can be defined in one of two ways. Friable asbestos is any material containing more than one percent asbestos and which, when dry, can be easily crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. The most common type of friable asbestos found in DNSC facilities is pipe wrapping. Nonfriable asbestos is divided into two categories. Category I is ACM such as packing, gaskets, resilient floor covering, and asphalt roof products containing more than one-percent asbestos. Category II ACM is any material, excluding Category I nonfriable ACM, that contains more than one-percent asbestos, and when dry cannot be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure. The most common types of this material in DNSC are transit wallboard and roofing shingles.

Recognition, control, abatement of ACM is a top priority of DNSC because of safety, health, and environmental concerns associated with asbestos. The basic tenets of the DNSC Asbestos Management Plan are:

- a. RECOGNITION: All DNSC controlled facilities shall be reviewed as required by DNSC-E to locate and record the existence of ACM, its condition, and potential for any damage. A copy of the survey is to be sent to the DNSC Environmental Office by the 15th of January of each year. No action is required if the ACM is in good condition and has a low potential for future disturbance, damage or erosion.
- b. CONTROL: Any areas remaining that contain damaged ACM shall be monitored to determine any airborne levels of asbestos. Depot personnel are to be made aware of damaged ACM and Depot

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management shall take immediate corrective action to have damaged ACM removed or encapsulated.

- c. ABATEMENT: ACM that is in good condition but has a high potential for fiber release shall be scheduled for removal.

The DNSC-OF shall identify repair project that will potentially disturb ACM. DNSC-OF will request test and analyses support from DNSC-E. DNSC-OF will coordinate all abatement encapsulation effort with DNSC-E.



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